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25X1 1. [] Called Kathy Nelson, in the office of Senator Stuart Symington. Since the Senator is still in Florida, I discussed the article in the Washington Post today containing Representative Les Aspin's allegation that Defense contracts for Air America more than doubled last year to a total of \$41.4 million as compared with \$17.7 million the year before. I told Miss Nelson that we didn't know where Aspin got these figures but they were inaccurate and as far as we knew not comparable. I told her our people are pulling figures and facts together on this and I would be in touch with her later on it. In the meantime while I did not want to bother the Senator, I thought she might tell him of our conversation in the event he calls into the office. She thanked me for calling and said she would pass the word on to the Senator if he called.

25X1 2. [] Returned to Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, the press release and newspaper article put out by the National Caucus of Labor Committees, which he had loaned to us. I said I thought this Committee was discredited by its own literature and added that we intended to do nothing about it.

25X1 3. [] Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and discussed with him the case of an Agency employee who was terminated last June as being surplus. Braswell reviewed a data sheet which we had prepared on this case and said he had no problem with it. He did ask, however, that I send the Chairman a short letter which he could in turn forward to the ex-employee. This letter would state that all Agency procedures for declaring an employee surplus were followed in this case and all appeal procedures available were adhered to and retirement benefits were accorded him.

I also talked with Braswell about the status of our negotiations with GSA on the subject of our possible exemption from the 1972 amendments to the Public Buildings Act pertaining to Standard Level User Charges and the authority of GSA and the Public Works Committees with respect to any future Agency building construction. See Memo for Record.

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